



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**AMENDMENT "A" PRIOR TO ACTION AND SUBMISSION
OF SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION**

APPLICANT: Karl BARTH et al CONFIRMATION NO.: 8344
SERIAL NO.: 10/721,931 GROUP ART UNIT: 3736
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TITLE: "METHOD TO PRODUCE A VOLUME DATA SET"

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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SIR:

Applicants herewith amend the above-referenced application, and request entry of the Amendment prior to examination on the merits.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

 No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	*	MINUS	**20	X	() X 9.00 () X 18.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	*	MINUS	3	X	() X 40.00 () X 84.00	
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				() YES () NO	() \$140.00 () \$280.00 ONE TIME	
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		\$0.00

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- Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated for ____ months so that the period for response is extended to _____. A check in the amount of \$____ is attached to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit Account No. 501519. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$____ is attached.
- A check for \$____ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached
- A check for \$____ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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